

Wolverhampton Wheelers Track League Wednesday 22nd July 2015

Freewheelers by *Joseph Lister*

Another evening of Freewheelers racing and Alex Thompson demonstrated his ability to produce three very strong rides winning each event of the evening. His development over the last few weeks has been clear, especially on the Monday and Friday night sessions where he has been brought on by riding with the adults. Grace Lister increased her overall lead in the girl's competition, however with Amelia Southall having made huge progress over the last few weeks, she demonstrated how well she could tactically ride a point's race taking 2nd place, leaving Grace with 3rd. James Morris produces consistent rides each week currently sitting in 5th overall.

Alex Ward continued to extend his very strong lead, however Oliver Hancher produced a very strong ride in the points race to take first, upsetting the usual results with Alex finishing 2nd. Only three points separate Oliver in 2nd and Reuben James in 3rd and with Oliver showing he can outperform Alex on occasions, it may be possible for him to close the gap!

Youth and Senior *Dave Brookes*

The Youth races started with a win by Dan Morris in the Scratch followed by Ethan Roberts and Alex Thompson. Tony Deleon took the Senior B event with Georgia Hilleard second and Paul Wright (Brotherton Cycles) third. James Ireson was the Senior A winner with Ben Manfield-Yorke second and Matthew Shaw (Solihull CC) third.

Sibling rivalry cropped up again in the League, this time in the Senior A Flying Start Time Trials. Ben Manfield-Yorke beat brother Will by 1.291 seconds and Lucy Shaw (Matrix Pro Cycling) was just 1.443 seconds slower than her brother Matthew who rides for Solihull CC. After the Time Trials it was down to the Team Pursuit Finals and here Ben and Will were racing in the same team and took the overall win together with fellow team members Lucy, Andy Jones, Mick Rapson (Paramount CC) and Leah Ball (Brotherton Cycles).

The last event of the evening was the Handicap and back to its normal 22 laps with an Intermediate sprint. It didn't take long for the Senior A to dominate the race. James Ireson took both the Intermediate Sprint and the overall win. Matty Lewis took second in the Intermediate with Joe Guy third. In a close finish Jack Smith took second place with Matty dropping down to third place.